

TIPS TO AVOID SLOW PLAY

1. Identify your ball to your partners before play begins. Ensure your ball has some form of marking to easily identify your ball.
2. Ready golf is encouraged. Once the group ahead of you has cleared the general area, be ready to go. Match play is an exception to ready golf.
3. USGA Rule 5.6b indicates when it is the player's turn to play. When it is the player's turn to play:
 - It is recommended that the player make the stroke in no more than 40 seconds after they are (or should be) able to play without interference or distraction, and
 - The player should usually be able to play more quickly than that and is encouraged to do so.
4. If your cart partner is hitting and your ball is only a few yards away, walk to your ball (with your rangefinder or distance measuring device). Or... drop your cart partner off at their ball and then drive to your ball, if feasible.
5. Be ready to hit when it is your turn. Don't wait until it's your turn to get ready. Take extra clubs to your shot to eliminate extra trips back to the cart. Have your glove on, know your yardages and be ready to hit if you are waiting on another player to hit.
6. Keep your pre-shot routine to a minimum and consider ways to shorten the routine.
7. If you are unsure if your ball is playable, possibly in a penalty area or out of bounds, where allowed, hit a provisional so you won't have to return to the spot to replay the shot.
8. Stay focused and track where your cart partner's ball is throughout the hole. Assist your cart partner, at a minimum, by following their shots and searching for balls that may be in a penalty area or OB.
9. Observe the 3-minute rule when looking for a lost ball.
10. After your shot, get in the cart with your club(s) and wait until you stop at the next shot to return it to your bag and select your next club.
11. When at green side, leave your cart in a location where you don't have to walk back towards the group behind you.
12. As you approach the green, if you have chipped or pitched and have extra clubs in your hand, leave them between you and the cart. It is the shortest path of return, and you won't leave clubs behind.
13. When on the green, if possible, start to review your putting line. This will shorten your pre-putt routine. When appropriate, continuously putt.
14. Ensure you are not standing in another player's line, leave your extra clubs in another player's line or position the golf cart, so as to distract or slow down another player from hitting their shot.
15. After putting out, the group should proceed to the next hole, replacing clubs and marking scorecards at the next tee box.
16. Once your group has completed a front or back side, scores should be added and confirmed with each player to speed up the process at the end of the round.
17. If your group falls behind, split into 2-somes and continue play. Once you catch up to the group ahead of you, then resume play as a 4- some.